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FOR EUR/WE E. J. BEIGEL AND L

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: POINTE DU HOC MEMORIAL: REQUEST AUTHORITY
TO SIGN AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY, ON MAY 5, MAILED EUR/WE BEIGEL PROPOSED FRENCH DRAFT AGREEMENT (AND RELATED BACKGROUND PAPERS) WHICH WOULD TRANSFER TO US THE "DISPOSITION" OF 31.5 ACRES OF LAND CONSTITUTING THE POINTE DU HOC MEMORIAL NEAR THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETARY. THE MEMORIAL MARKS AND COMMEMORATES THE POINT WHERE THE US RANGERS, UNDER COMMAND OF COL. JAMES RUDDER, SCALED THE CLIFFS ON JUNE 6, 1944.

2. A MOVEMENT HAS BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE 1974 TO TRANSFER THIS MONUMENT AND SITE TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION TO ASSURE ITS PROPER MAINTENANCE. THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS FACED BY THE LOCAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN ACQUIRING THE LAND WERE IN EFFECT RESOLVED BY LATE 1977. INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH LOCAL FRENCH AUTHORITIES ALSO PRODUCED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FORM A US-FRENCH AGREEMENT SHOULD TAKE TO BRING ABOUT THIS TRANSFER. THE FRENCH DRAFT TEXT TRANSMITTED TO BEIGEL, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US ON UNCLASSIFIED

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APRIL 21 BY THE QUAI, DIFFERS FROM THESE EARLIER DRAFTS PRIMARILY IN THAT THE QUAI'S LAWYERS WISH TO CONCLUDE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT, RELATING THIS TRANSFER TO THE US-FRENCH AGREEMENT OF MARCH 19, 1956, RATHER THAN AMENDING IT. FULL BACKGROUND ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT ARE CONTAINED IN THE PACKAGE MAILED TO BEIGEL.

3. AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION (GENERAL ADAMS, FORRESTAL BUILDING) INFORMALLY CONCURS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AND CABLING TO US THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY ENABLING THE AMBASSADOR TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT.
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